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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

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OF THE TOWN OF

SOUTH NEWMARKET

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

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TOWN OFFICERS.

MODERATOR,
H. JENNESS PAUL.

TOWN CLERK,
ALBERT H. VARNEY.

SELECTMEN,
DANIEL G. NEAL,
DANIEL C. WIGGIN,
SAMUEL S. BADGER.

TREASURER,
GEORGE O. PAUL.

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,
JAMES H. FITTS.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES,
CHARLES S. CLARK.

AUDITOR,
SAMUEL E. WILLIAMS.

OFFICERS ELECTED AT BIENNIAL TOWN MEETING, NOVEMBER, 1882.

SUPERVISORS,
H. JENNESS PAUL,
DANIEL W. LYNCH,
CHARLES S. CLARK.

REPRESENTATIVE TO THE GENERAL COURT.
DANIEL C. LANGLANDS.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Geo. O. Paul, Treasurer, in account with the town of South
Newmarket. Dr.

To amount in hands of Treasurer, February 29, 1882, .37

AMOUNT RECEIVED FROM STATE.

Railroad tax,	\$349 20
Savings bank tax,	440 59
Literary fund,	74 06
	\$863 85

Amount received from Concord railroad on account of new road,	100 00
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Amount received from County of Rockingham,	73 00
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Amount received from B. & M. railroad, on account of Ru- land & Richard's suits,	2,650 00
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Amount received, income from town hall,	46 00
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Amount received from School district No. 1, one-half insurance on town hall,	21 87
	\$3,754 72

Amount of tax list commit- ted to C. S. Clarke, collector,	5,736 19
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Dog tax,	56 00
	\$5,793 19

Less Discounts,	\$229 77
Abatements,	53 83
Uncollected,	7 15

	290 75
	\$5,502 44
	\$9,257 16
	\$9,257 53

TREASURER'S REPORT.

1882

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Paid sundry orders of Selectmen as follows :

S. E. Williams, Auditor,	\$3 00
C. S. Clarke, horse and carriage, March, 1882,	1 25
Wingate & Shaw, printing town accounts, 1881,	20 00
Danl. E. Smith, highway district, No. 3,	20 00
C. H. Sanborn, interest on note,	20 00
J. H. Wilkinson, insurance,	3 75
C. E. Durell, school district No. 1,	335 00
Committee, decoration of soldiers graves,	22 50
A. W. Richards, school district No. 2,	50 00
Shea & Trefethen, bill of drain tile,	20 44
County tax,	1,089 26
F. P. Neal, highway district, No. 2,	80 00
T. W. Thompson, justice fees in State vs.	
Chas. Davis, 1881,	8 00
H. J. Paul, expense in the Richard's case, 1881,	10 00
Wm. Willis, police service,	2 00
Danl. E. Smith, highway district No. 3,	102 60
C. E. Durell, School District, No. 1,	435 00
D. Donovan, repairing burying-ground fence,	3 00
A. W. Richards, School District, No. 2,	138 00
Boston & Maine railroad, transportation on	
lumber, on account of new road,	24 18
State tax,	864 00
Geo. McQuestion & Co., bill of lumber, new	
road,	223 26
B. Galender & Co., bill of spikes and nails,	
new road,	10 95
Danl. Littlefield, bill of lumber, new road,	118 11
Thompson & Batchelder, order book,	75
*Adeline Neal,	52 00
H. S. Tuttle, building new road and bridge,	250 00
A. J. Neal, note and interest,	81 54
“ “ “	326 83

Paid J. H. Wilkinson, insurance,	43 75
G. D. W. Robinson, land damage,	150 00
“ “ watering trough,	3 00
Two years service of Supervisors,	30 00
*Adeline Neal,	13 00
*A. H. Varney,	8 00
D. C. Langlands, interest on note,	86 14
C. H. Sanborn, “ “	30 00
J. M. Paul “ “	45 00
F. M. Pillsbury, repairs of town hall,	75
J. H. Fitts, services as Superintending School Committee,	25 00
F. H. Chesley, services as policeman,	6 00
“ “ “ “ extra,	6 00
G. P. Hanson, delivering inventory blanks,	3 00
“ “ taking Fitzsimmons to Exeter,	2 00
“ “ watching one night, July 4,	2 00
“ “ taking care of poor persons,	3 00
“ “ services as policeman,	6 00
“ “ one day to Exeter on ac- count of Fitzsimmons,	1 75
	<hr/> 17 75

Paid W. H. Conner, repairs of highway, district No. 1,	445 05
“ “ 2 sewer grates, 5.50, 1 cask cement, 1.90	7 40
“ “ freight on pipe,	6 51
“ “ gravel, J. Pike, 15.00, Geo. W. Pease, 20.00,	35 00
“ “ breaking roads,	20 75
	<hr/> 514 71

1883.

Paid Joseph Smith, board and clothing of James' children,	209 34
Danl. E. Smith, police service,	6 00

Paid Danl. E. Smith, plank for Cuba bridge,	9 18	
“ “ labor on same,	1 00	
“ “ cutting bushes, 15 hours,	2 25	
“ “ measuring land to widen road, and deed of same,	2 00	
“ “ 375 ft. railing for bridges,	5 62	
“ “ 200 ft. pine boards,	3 00	
“ “ 25 oak posts,	6 25	
“ “ 70 hours breaking roads,	10 50	
“ “ Bounty on crows,	1 40	
		<hr/> 47 20
E. B. Pendergast, sheep killed and injured by dogs,	18 00	
Committee on claims against B. & M. R. R.,	15 00	
A. Field, bill for glass for town hall,	1 88	
J. S. H. Frink, counsel fees, Town vs. B. & M. railroad,	47 90	
W. F. Littlefield, watering trough,	3 00	
W. Senter, repairing of town hall,	1 80	
D. G. Neal, collector's book,	90	
postage,	39	
copy of plan of new road,	50	
telegraphing,	25	
1364 ft. planed boards for new road,	27 28	
		<hr/> 29 32
D. G. Neal, time receiving inventories,	\$2 00	
“ “ enrolling militia	2 00	
time to Exeter twice—Shaw case,	3 00	
looking up evidence in Shaw case,	2 00	
time and expense to Concord and Ports- mouth new road,	6 75	
time and expense at sundry times, on new road,	6 50	
time attending November elections,	1 50	
“ equalizing taxes with County Com's	1 00	

Paid all other services as Selectman,	15 00	
		39 75
D. C. Wiggin, one bottle disinfectant in		
1881,	50	
" " blanks for bonds,	50	
" " stamps and stationery,	25	
" " *goods furnished C. G. Cloud-		
man,	1 75	
		3 00
D. C. Wiggin, for services as Selectman :		
" " attending inquest,	50	
" " telegraphing,	25	
" " helping poor persons,	1 55	
" " receiving inventory,	1 00	
" " time on new road,	7 00	
" " attending Nov. elections,	1 50	
" " time and expenses to Ex-		
eter—Shaw case,	1 00	
" " all other expenses as Se-		
lectman,	15 00	
		27 80
S. P. Badger, for services as Selectman,	15 00	
A. J. Neal, note and interest,	1,389 75	
N. G. Howard, one sheep killed by		
dogs,	7 00	
*4ft. wood del'd to C. Cloudman,	2 50	
		9 50
Frank P. Neal, labor on highway, Dis-		
trict No. 2,	1 80	
" " labor breaking roads, Dis-		
trict No. 2.	5 20	
		7 00
Swamscott Machine Co., men and horses		
breaking out sidewalks,	\$11 91	
Daniel Lynch, temporary loan and interest,	52 50	
A. Austin, for heating, lightning and taking		
care of town hall,	23 00	

Paid Geo. O. Paul, time and expenses in paying	
State and County taxes,	6 50
other services as Town	
Treasurer,	30 00
	— — 36 50
Paid A. H. Varney, stationery and postage,	1 80
copying charter in 1881 of	
Stratham and Newmarket	
bridge,	3 00
drawing and notifying jurors,	8 00
office rent,	5 00
general services as town	
clerk,	15 00
enrolling militia,	3 00
	———— 35 80
recording and returning	
births and deaths,	8 25
Paid S. Gray, expense and fees in Fitzsimmons' case,	2 75
C. E. Durell, School District, No. 1,	374 39
C. S. Clarke, printing tax bills,	1 75
A. Austin, police service,	8 00
C. S. Clarke, services as collector,	82 52
C. H. Sanborn, note and interest,	100 00
Lucy M. Sanborn,	100 10
W. E. Gilson's note,	861 42
J. M. Paul, note \$300, less overpaid interest,	297 18
Albert Pease, bounty on crows,	90
*H. G. Howard, wood furnished C. Cloudman,	2 50
O. G. Sanborn, lodging boy, runaway,	50
S. E. Williams, Auditor,	3 00
	————
	\$9162 73
Balance in hands of Treasurer,	94 80
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	\$9,257 53

VALUATION OF PROPERTY IN TOWN, APRIL 1,
1882.

Real Estate, Personal Property and Polls, \$347,708 00
Rate per \$1000 on all taxes, \$16 50.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

TOWN DEBTS.

Note due C. H. Sanborn,	\$300 00
Less amt. uncollected, C. S. Clarke's list,	7 15
Cash in hands of Treasurer,	94 80
	<hr/> 101 95
Net amt. Town's indebtedness, March 1, 1883,	\$198 05
“ “ “ “ 1882,	3,522 73
Reduction of debt since March 1, 1882,	3,324 68
	<hr/> \$198 05

*Paid by the County.

DANIEL G. NEAL,	} Selectmen of South Newmarket.
SAMUEL P. BADGER	
DANIEL C. WIGGIN,	

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

The undersigned hereby certifies that he has examined the accounts of the Selectmen and Treasurer, and finds them correctly cast and properly vouched.

S. E. WILLIAMS, Auditor.

South Newmarket, Feb. 28, 1883.

SCHOOL REPORT.

Another year of school work requires of your committee another Annual Report.

Common schools are the people's colleges. Bright boys and girls are graduating continually from them for the home, the shop, the counter and the farm. Our town schools should furnish the best possible conditions for obtaining an education, whether the pupils come from cottage or palace. We endeavor to make them thus practically beneficial; and we measurably succeed. Every pupil in our schools may become wise and good if he will. The road to usefulness, honor and happiness is alike free to the meritorious from every class in society. Private schools, academies and seminaries are for those who can afford the expense. They cannot fill the place of the public school; they can never compensate for its wholesome, uplifting rivalries. On this arena many pupils who can do but little with books still contrive to pick up much useful information. Their simple presence every day and six hours a day in this atmosphere of cultured thought and scholarly ambition does more to promote mental culture than the private tutelage of the most popular teacher can do.

In the month of April last the Selectmen made return of 160 children in town between the ages of five and fifteen years—93 boys and 67 girls. The whole number of different scholars enrolled upon our school registers four years of age and upward, attending school not less than two weeks, is 167—boys 88, girls 79. Number of scholars under six years of age, 15; over sixteen, 2; between six and sixteen, 151. The largest number of scholars in any school is 65, and the smallest number is 12. The average daily attendance has been 116. Pupils not absent or tardy during the year, 2;

during one or more terms, 41. Some others have come well up to this standard of excellence. We have several pupils who are attending school in other places. Probably no children who are physically able to do so, are to be reported as not attending any school. Some pupils are too easily turned aside from school pursuits for a time, by the prospect of earning money in the berry-field, hay-field, or shop. Irregular attendance, truancy and insubordination are generally needless and always injurious. Misdemeanors of the schoolroom and yard should be corrected, absentees should be looked after, truants should be restored. Reform in these respects must always be insisted on. Here parents have more responsibility than any other parties. The teacher's authority has been so much limited by popular sentiment of late years that there is little danger of its becoming excessive. A convenient name to conjure by is that of the truant officer. Generally his functions will be merely nominal. In some cases, however, it may be expedient to refer to him.

We have two legally organized school districts in town. In each of them school privileges have been enjoyed, with no interruption by sickness. A rigid system of gradation is not enforced. Our four schools may be conveniently classified as Primary, Intermediate, Grammar and one of Mixed Grade. No text-book has been struck from the list authorized by the committee. Additional interest has been created by the introduction of "The Child's History of the United States," by Charles A. Goodrich, as supplementary reading for the smaller classes. An advanced class has been formed in "A Treatise of Physiology and Hygiene," by Joseph C. Hutchinson. Pupils have also had the opportunity to purchase Noah Webster's High School and Academic Dictionaries at reduced prices. The number of different scholars in town studying reading is 167; spelling, 167; penmanship, 167; arithmetic, 167; geography, 96; grammar, 77; physiology, 15; history, 9; algebra, 5. Perhaps

all in the Primary school may be said to attend to singing and drawing.

Our school revenue consists of \$758.33 raised as required by State law, an additional appropriation of \$500, and \$74.06 income from the Literary Fund. Total revenue \$1,332.39. The largest sum appropriated to any district is \$1,144.39; and the smallest sum is \$188. The length of the longest school has been 31 weeks, and the shortest, 22; average, 29 weeks. One male teacher has been employed who has taught 22 weeks at the average wages of \$34 per month, including board. Four female teachers have taught 93 weeks at an average cost of \$41.50 per month. The expense for each enrolled scholar has been \$8.26. The rate per cent. of the school tax upon the invoiced valuation of the town is .0036.

Our three schoolhouses and four school rooms are pleasantly situated, in good repair and well fitted for their purpose. Their estimated value is about \$4,000, with apparatus to the value of \$60 additional. Each room is furnished with an average of 110 square feet of blackboard; one room has a globe, two have tablets and charts, three have dictionaries; all have clocks and the remnants of wall maps. A small expenditure each year for such minor appliances is money well spent. It is a penny-wisdom to withhold the reasonable expense. We need more school money. Our appropriation should be generous not extravagant. The prudential committee get less by \$243 than five years ago. Consequently they are unable to furnish as much schooling by two weeks in the year as formerly. This comes about, in consequence of our reduced valuation. Our public tax is lessened and with it the amount of school money we raise. The sum of about \$250 more than we now raise would give us again the money and the schooling of 1876.

The teachers employed the past year were Mr. A. W. Richards, and Misses Melissa J. Young, Martha W. Haley, C. Florence Hayes and Harriet E. Sanborn. All are too

well-known in town and vicinity as able, experienced and successful instructors to need any eulogy from your committee. Emulative of success they have proved themselves capable, enthusiastic and stimulative in the several schools. My task has been to cheer them on in their own well chosen methods rather than interfere with counter suggestions of my own. The true teacher is necessarily neither he who carries most facts in his head, nor he who excels in physical discipline. Something more is required than book and ferule—something beyond all scholarship and all military precision. The great work begins when the office of birch and book ends. The heart rather than head or hand is the leader and prompter. No amount of drills or learning avails without this. Mind grows as the body does by inward assimilation, not by outward addition. Immature youth must be disciplined by principle, not by dynamite. Young America refuses to be driven by mechanism, he moves by magnetism. True teaching is one of the magical arts. It requires special aptness, instinct, inspiration, genius. It is for the most part a refining, spiritualizing influence—mind quickening mind, spirit fashioning spirit, life moulding life, character building up character. Its outcome is traced in awakened thought, strengthened intellect, disciplined conscience, the fixed destiny.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Prudential Committee;—CHARLES E. DURELL.

Three schools. Money appropriated to the district \$1,144.39. Length of schools 31 weeks, two terms of 10 weeks each and one term of 11 weeks. Whole number of scholars 151; boys 80, girls 71. Pupils under six years of age, 13; over sixteen, 2; between six and sixteen, 136.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Teachers :—MELISSA J. YOUNG, MARTHA W. HALEY. Wages per month, first term \$52.00; second and third terms \$56. Number of pupils first term 37, average 34; second term 28,

average 26 ; third term 28, average 28. Percentage of daily attendance first term, 88 ; second term, 81 ; third term, 89. Visits by Superintendent 9 ; by Prudential Committee 3 ; by parents and friends, not including the closing examinations, 25. Pupils present every half day without being tardy, first term, George L. Chase, Nellie Pease ; second term, Nellie Pease ; third term, George L. Chase, Charles O. Judkins, Maggie E. Kelly, Nellie O'Connor, M. Etta Pease.

Again this school has enjoyed for the greater part of the year, the assiduous effective and successful labors of Miss Haley. The discipline has combined in due proportion the requisite intelligence, sensibility and force. Its work has been dispatched with seeming ease and without undue anxiety or fret. Nor did it suffer materially through the ill health of the teacher.

When to the deep regret of all, the intermission occurred, the school was exceedingly fortunate in securing a substitute so experienced, devoted and efficient as Miss Young proved herself to be. She obtained at once complete command of the situation and retained it to the end.

No break occurred in the method of instruction or government. All have abundant reason to remember Miss Young with gratitude and respect. She was an acquisition to our corps of teachers.

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL.

Teacher :—C. FLORENCE HAYES.—Wages per month \$35. Number of pupils first term, 41, average 29 ; second term, 32, average 32 ; third term, 38, average 38. Percentage of daily attendance, first term, 90 ; second term, 88, third term, 87. Visits by Superintendent, 7 ; by Prudential Committee, 3 ; by parents and friends, not including the closing examination, 11. Pupils present every half day, first term, John Lynch, Frank Hayden, Edith Paul, Minnie Kendall, Eugene Jenness, Fred Littlefield ; second term, Lynda Ewin ; third term, Fred Littlefield, George Sanborn, Rufus Pease, Harry Chase, Frank Hayden, Wilber Littlefield, Edith Paul.

This school has maintained its reputation for good order, studiousness and steady advancement. Each class and every scholar seems to take a genuine interest in the legitimate work of the school room. Diligence, glow and enthusiasm characterize teacher and scholars. Miss Hayes has never labored with more zeal and earnestness, or with more emphatic success.

PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Teacher:—HARRIET E. SANBORN. Wages per month, \$35. Number of pupils, first term, 52, average 51; second term, 58, average, 55; third term, 51, average 48. Percentage of daily attendance, first term, 86; second term, 87; third term, 89. Visits by Superintendent, 7; by Prudential Committee, 3; by parents and friends, not including the closing examination, 38. Pupils present every half day without being tardy, first term, George E. Andrews, Jerry Donovan, Willie C. Hanson, Herman Neal, Walter Smart, Nellie Foley, Mary W. O'Brien; second term, Charles Pillsbury, John Cassily, Mary Kelly, Sadie J. Law, Mary W. O'Brien; third term, George E. Andrews, Willie C. Hanson, Charles M. Kelly, Joseph Kelly, Lizzie Hogan, Annie L. Judkins, Hannah Kelly, Sadie J. Law, Lillie Marden, Mary W. O'Brien, Inez M. Pease.

This is always a pleasant school to look in upon. Plato is said to have comprehended education under the two heads of gymnastics for the body and music for the mind, both combined leading to health and virtue. Here we have both method and result. Calisthenics and singing are favorite exercises and practised daily. Faces a-glow, voices a-tune, feet a-step, blood a-brisk, with martial accompaniments, we have the air and grace of a fairy march. Routine is voted a bore, and dullness intolerable. Miss Sanborn and her sprightly charge are to be congratulated upon the busy, profitable and happy terms which they spend together.

DISTRICT No. 2.

Prudential Committee, A. W. RICHARDS.

Money appropriated to the district, \$188.00. Length of school 22 weeks—one term of 9 weeks and one of 13 weeks. Number of scholars first term 12, average 12; second term 22, average 19. Pupils between five and fifteen years of age, 15; under six, 2; between six and sixteen, 13. Percentage of daily attendance first term, 93; second term, 92.

Teacher:—A. W. RICHARDS. Wages per month, including board, first term, \$30; second term, \$38. Visits by Superintendent 4; by parents and friends, 30.

The few scholars in this district came under the closest personal attention of the teacher who has long known their special needs and specific course of study. He had the best possible opportunity to make thorough individual training compensate for the discipline found only with larger classes. No one can have gone through the year, or either term of the year, without improvement. Under excellent discipline, and painstaking, methodical instruction, the pupils could not fail to make decided progress. Their deportment was marked perfect. Classes in reading, geography and grammar showed to advantage. Ernest E. Richards was present without being tardy, every half-day of the school year, and Eddie E. Richards every half day of the second term.

It is pleasant thus to report our schools as prosperous, and likely to sustain their good name in the future. They are all we should expect if not all we could wish. Much has been done to make bright and intelligent scholars; something has been achieved in developing truthful, generous and faithful young men and women. The coming time cares more for the boys and girls of to-day than for us, their seniors, the grown-up people, for educated youth are the hope of the community and the country. Thanking the town for its confidence, the parents for their co-operation, the teachers for their fidelity, and the pupils for their interest, with the wish that I could have served you better, I submit this, my second annual report. J. H. FITTS.

South Newmarket, Feb. 26, 1883.

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